

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections

The drawings are objected to because Figures 2 through 4, 8, and 17 do not include a legend, such as --PRIOR ART--.

In addition, the drawings are objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 1.84(p)(5) because they include the reference characters "9x", "9y", and "9k", which are not mentioned in the specification.

In response, a Request for Approval to Amend the Drawings is being filed concurrently herewith in which Figures 2 through 4, 8, and 17 are labeled as --PRIOR ART--; reference numeral "9x" and its lead line are deleted from Figure 1; and reference numerals "9x", "9y", and "9k" and their respective lead lines are deleted from Figure 16. No new matter has been added.

The drawings are also objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference numeral "20", which is mentioned in the specification. The specification has been amended to delete reference character "20".

It is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings has been overcome.

Objection to Specification

The specification is objected to because of the minor informalities kindly noted by the Examiner. The specification has been reviewed and amended to attend to any

informalities, including those identified by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claim Status

Claims 1 through 11 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Claims 1 through 5 and 7 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form.

Claims 8 through 11 have been presented to accord Applicants' an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure.

· It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 1 through 7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

No art rejections have been lodged against the claims.

Section 112 Rejection

Claims 1 through 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons succinctly set forth in the Office Action. Claims 1 through 7 have been amended *inter alia* to overcome the grounds of this rejection.

It is respectfully requested that all of the claims presented in the application are in full compliance with the requirements of Section 112.

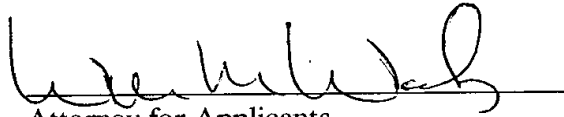
Closing Comments

It is respectfully submitted that application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William M. Wannisky', written over a horizontal line.

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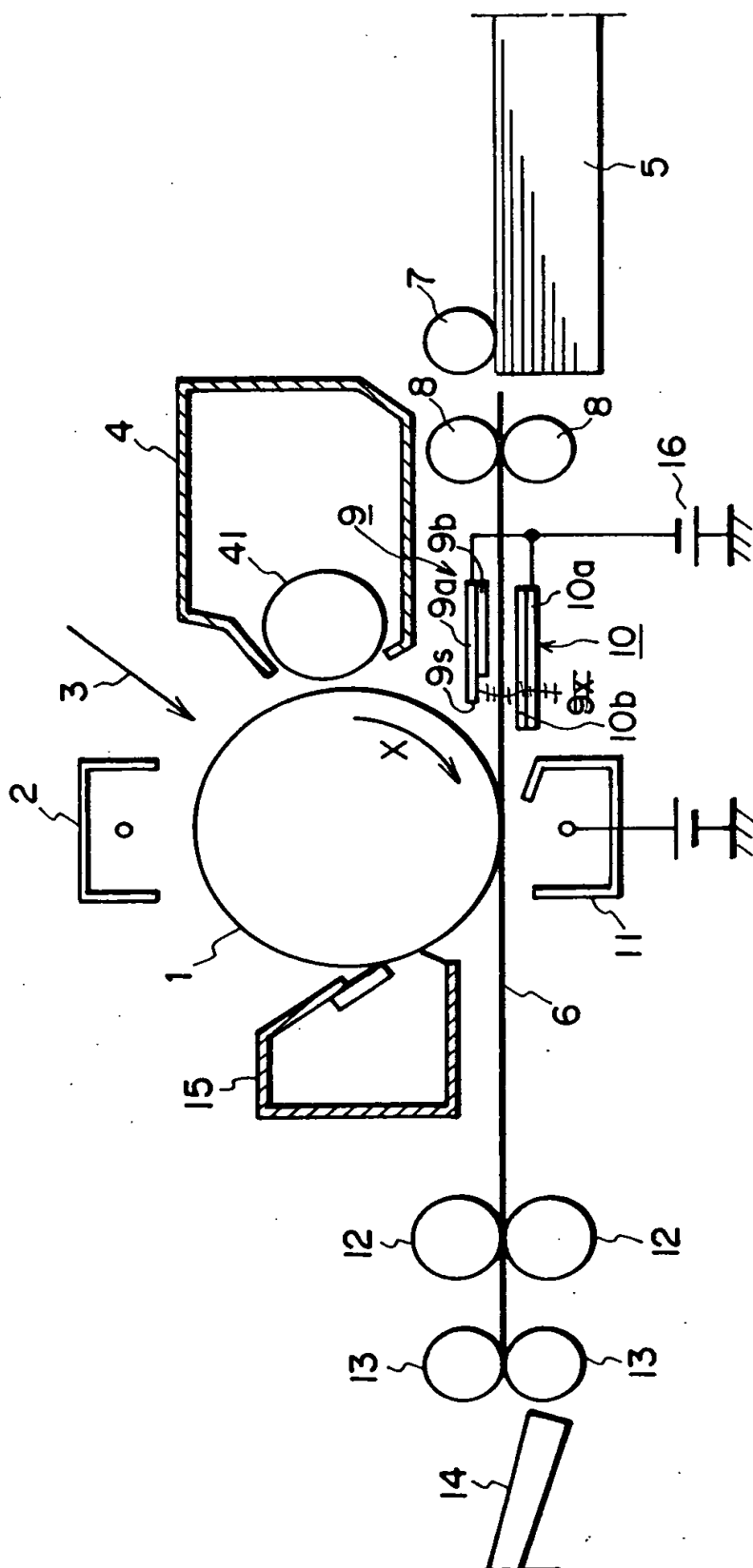


FIG. 1



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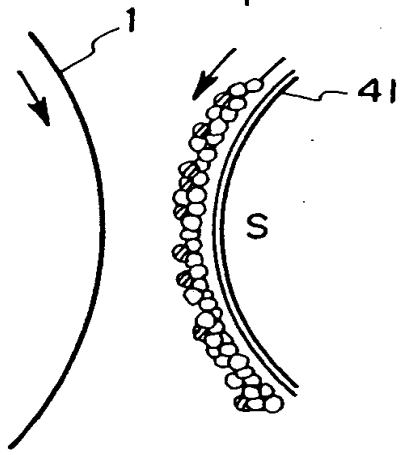


FIG. 2

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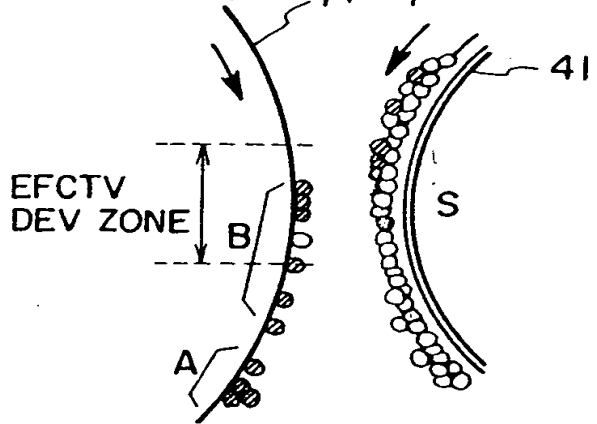


FIG. 3

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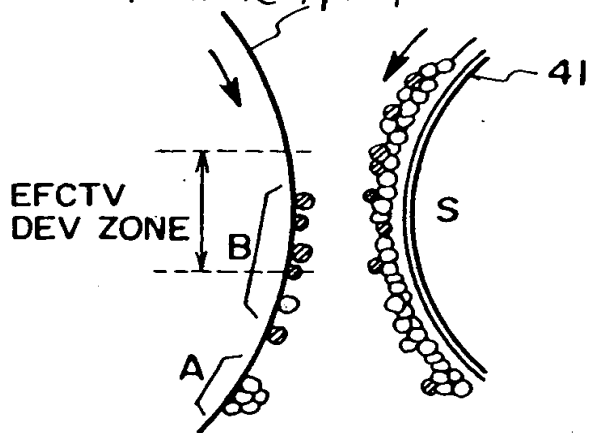


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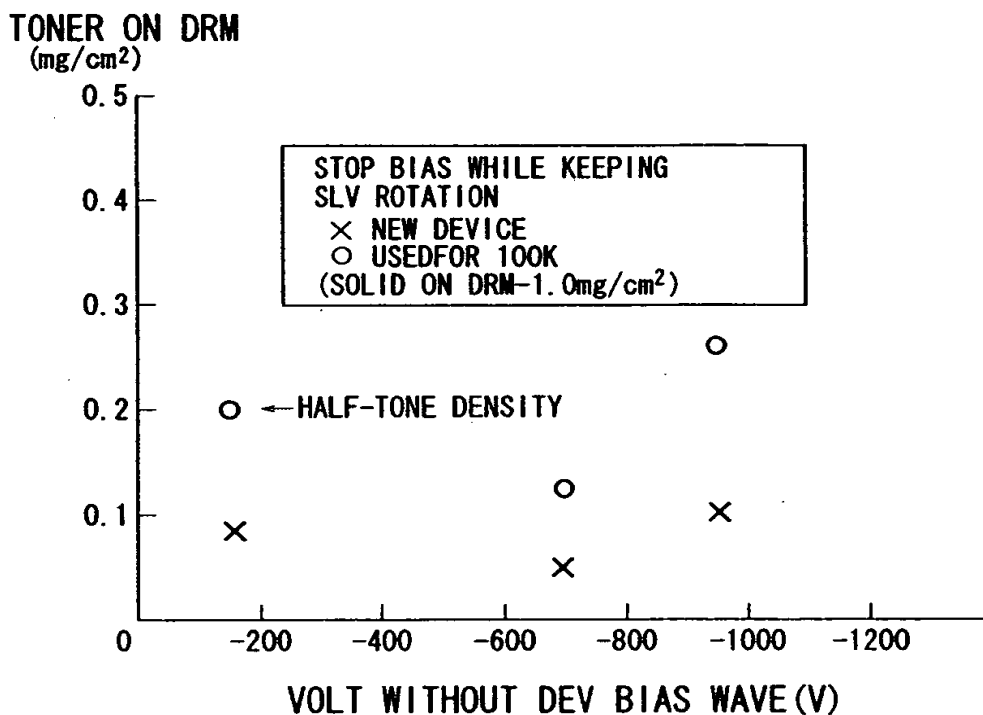


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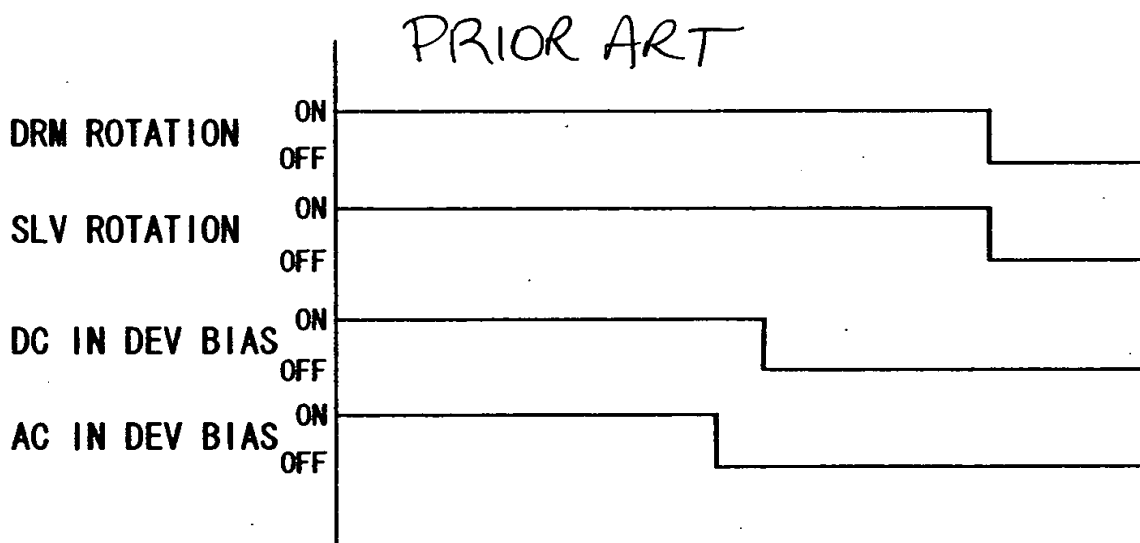


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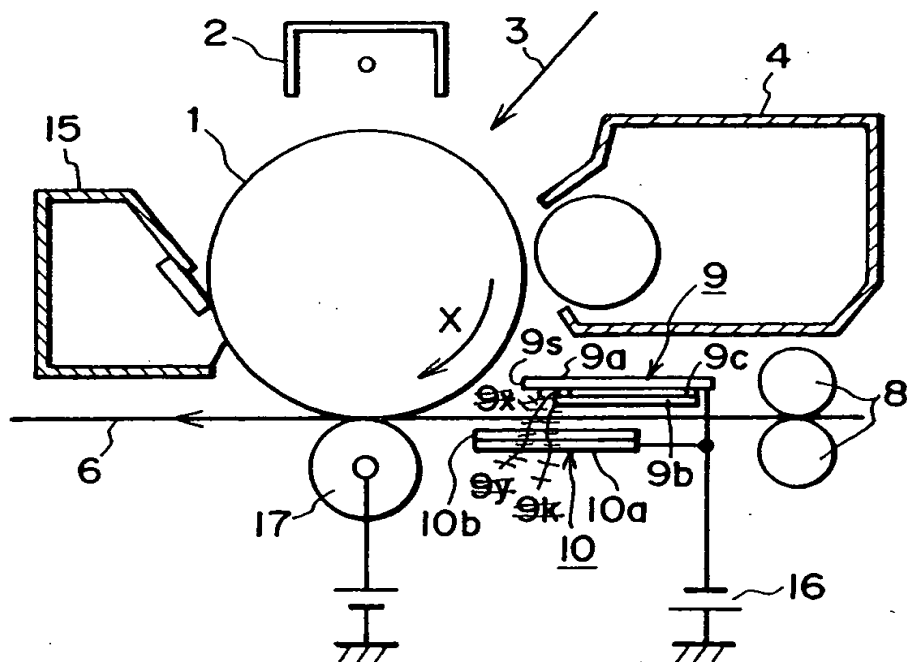
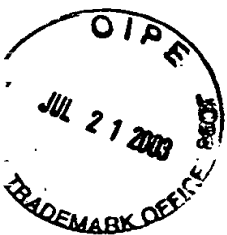


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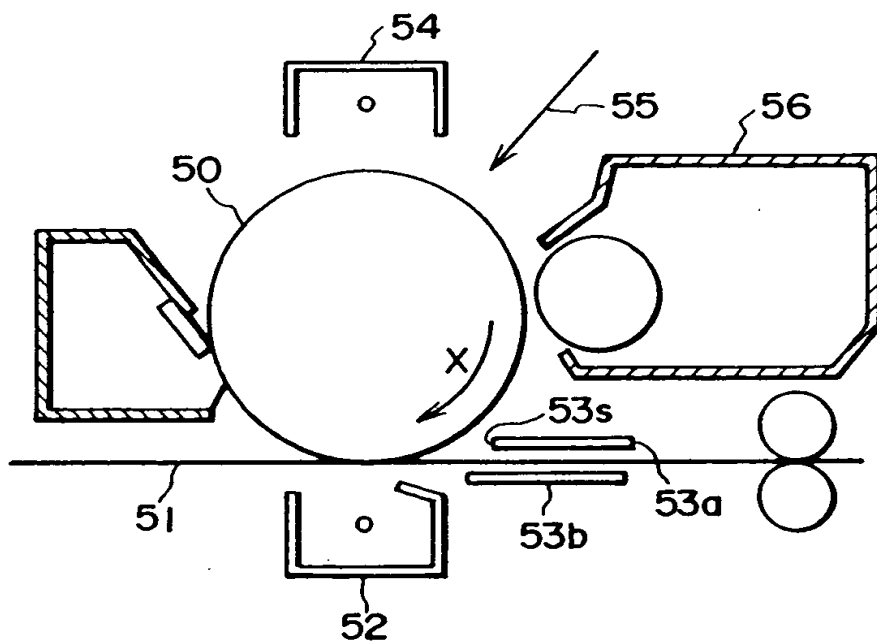


FIG. 17
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